

ABSTRACT

A structure for encapsulating a message to be exchanged between an IP phone and an entity within an Ethernet-based PBX, comprising a Protocol Header and an IP
5 Message body, wherein the Protocol Header includes an indication of Protocol Type for denoting whether the message is an IP message or an encapsulated non-IP message, Device Number for denoting by means of a MAC (Media Access Control) an address for said entity within said PBX to which said message is to be transmitted or from which said message is to be received, and Message Type for identifying the
10 type of message contained in the IP Message Body.